

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/19/09 has been entered. Additionally, the Supplemental Response filed 12/7/09 has also been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12 and 14-19 (renumbered 1-18) are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention is directed towards a compliance audit for integrated emergency medical transportation database system.

The closest prior art of record includes: Zak (2002/0004729); Shults (6,324,516) and Cruce (5,900,883).

However, the closest prior art of record does not teach a compliance audit component that is configured to check to ensure that data in the medical emergency database for a current encounter is consistent with a high risk compliance area, wherein

checking to ensure consistency is based on data selected from the group consisting of the medical status of the patient, the location of the clinical encounter and combinations thereof. The compliance audit component is then configured to prompt the emergency medical personnel for correction of the data where the data is not consistent.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHELLE LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-8207. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 5PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gerald O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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